

MICROBIOLOGY CRITICAL VALUES FOR WARDS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE CLINICAL NOTIFICATION

Test	Organism
AFB culture	All positive Auramine smears and Ziehl-Neelsen (ZN)
Blood culture	All organisms seen on gram stain All organisms isolated
CSF culture	All gram stains & microscopies All organisms isolated
Faeces culture	Salmonella species Shigella species Campylobacter species Escherichia coli 0:157 Clostridium difficile toxin A and B
Swabs	Corynebacterium diphtheriae Neisseria meningitidis Bordetella pertussis Meticillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) Group A Streptococcus
Fluid and Tissue culture	All positive gram stains All organisms isolated
Viral Culture	Herpes simplex Encephalitis Influenza A and B Norovirus

Exceptions

Physician to physician notifications

It is the responsibility of ward staff receiving these results, to contact the relevant clinician immediately.

